Experts in the Family Justice System (EFJS) Committee

Terms of Reference

The Experts in the Family Justice System (EFJS) Committee is a sub-group of the Family Justice Council.

The role of the committee will be to take forward the 22 recommendations of the President’s Working Group, as detailed in its report.

In particular, the committee will:

- Be responsible for the delivery of training and mentoring of experts at a regional level.
- Report to the Family Justice Council at its quarterly meetings and subsequently to the national Family Justice Board (FJB) by way of an annual report.
- Set up and supervise eight regional sub-committees across England and Wales. These will be based on the circuits of the Family Division Liaison Judges.
- Enable two-way channels of communication, information and support for experts.
- Develop a strong interface with the national FJB, Local Family Justice Boards and the Family Justice Network Wales.
- Be responsible for liaising with other professional bodies on issues connected with experts in family justice system.
- The committee will comprise relevant FJC members – Judiciary, Junior Barrister, Child Mental Health Specialist, Director of Children’s Services, Paediatrician and Solicitor.
- The committee will co-opt external members from relevant professional bodies as required, including particularly Royal College of Radiologists and British Psychologist Society. These will not be nominated members and there will not be a formal structure as to their role. However, there will be an expectation that they will act as a conduit between the Council and their organisation.